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**FORMER STANISLAUS POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE AND BOYFRIEND SENTENCED
FOR SCHEME TO PASS COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY**

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RICK LEE SNOW, 46, and ANDREA LYNN GRAVELLE, 38, both of Modesto, were sentenced yesterday by United States District Court Judge Edward J. Garcia for conspiracy to pass counterfeit notes. SNOW was sentenced to 18 months in prison, to be followed by three years of federal supervised release. GRAVELLE, a first time offender who lost her job with the U.S. Postal Service, received a sentence of 36 months probation. The defendants were ordered to pay full restitution.

This case is the product of extensive investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Secret Service Department, and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, in March 2007, GRAVELLE conspired with SNOW to accept counterfeit currency in exchange for cash and Postal Money Orders while working at the counter in the Hughson Post Office. The couple successfully passed over \$700 in counterfeit twenty dollar bills. GRAVELLE was a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service and had performed counter clerk and assistant manager duties at a number of U.S. Post Offices in Stanislaus County.

SNOW, having previously suffered conviction for felony drug offenses and for theft, was on supervision by the state of California at the time of the offense. He was remanded into federal custody today at the conclusion of the sentencing hearing.

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